GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DISTRIBUTION OF CULTIVABLE WASTELAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unused land in the country, State-wise;

(b) the area of cultivable Wasteland and unused land distributed and likely to be distributed amongst landless people, especially belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, so far, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to help the poor landless agricultural workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) The total extent of wastelands in the country including unused land is 63.85 million ha. State-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

(b) Land is a State subject and the distribution of Wasteland is done by State Governments/UTs depending on the availability of land. The total area of Wasteland distributed throughout the country, till March 2000, is 147.47 lakh acres. The State-wise distribution has been reflected in Annexure-II.

(c) While distributing land, the interest of the poor landless agricultural workers is always kept in view by the Government.